

GEB and the recommendations of CEA in this regard, SLC(ST) granted the following linkages, keeping in view the availability of coal in different coalfields and the transport logistics etc.:

Year	Linkage		(Lakh tonnes)	% of Total Linkage	
	K-Rewa	Korba		K-Rewa	Korba
2000-2001	36.60	81.55	118.15	31	69
2001-2002 (Upto Dec. 2001)	26.70	58.50	85.20	31	69

Abolition/Lowering of Customs Duty on Aluminium

1067. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether HINDALCO and NALCO are amongst the lowest cost producers of Aluminium in the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Customs Duty on Import of Aluminium in India, at 25 per cent basic and 30.8 per cent effective, is much higher than prevailing duty in our neighbouring developing countries because of which primary producers in India have deliberately kept their selling prices much higher than international price prevailing at London Metal Exchange; and

(c) if so, the reasons the Ministry of Coal and Mines is not recommending to Finance Ministry for abolition/lowering of customs duty on Aluminium to save secondary industry?

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Custom Duty on import of Aluminium is 25 per cent (basic) plus 16 per cent (additional) plus 4 per cent (special additional duty) which is higher than neighbouring countries like Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan. However, Aluminium and its downstream

products have been placed on Open General Licence (OGL) and consequently the prices are determined by market forces.

(c) Ministry of Coal and Mines, Department of Mines have recommended reduction of customs duty on Aluminium to the Ministry of Finance.

General Managers/Directors working in same post for more than three years

† 1068. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different collieries where General Managers and Directors working at the same post/place for more than three years;

(b) whether Government have formulated any rules for the transfer of such General Managers and Directors;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the General Managers/Directors working at the same place for three years are likely to be transferred by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) None of the General Managers have been working at the same place for more than three years in any Colliery except Shri H.S. Gill, working in Western Jharia in BCCL who completed three years on 21.07.2000. CMDs/Directors are Presidential appointees and posted at Company Head Quarters only. There is no policy for transfer of Functional Directors. However, Functional Directors may be transferred to another subsidiaries by the Department due to administrative exigency.

(b) to (d) Coal India Limited has a well defined transfer policy. As per this policy the executives of MI and above grades who are working for more than ten years in the same company and having more than two years for retirement are transferable. The transfer policy further stipulates that large scale transfer is to be avoided but

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